

# The Times' Daily Short Story.

## THE SALE OF A KISS

(Original.)

"Oh, Mr. Feary," said Miss Garland when I called, "I am so glad you've come. Do you know, there's to be a raffle for the benefit of the orphan asylum, and the ladies of the committee have assigned me fifty chances. If the articles to be raffled were for women I could get rid of them, I'm sure, but since they are a man's chronometer watch and chain I don't know what to do. I can't go among men asking them to take chances."

"I'll be happy to take one of them," said Mr. Feary.

"That's very kind of you. Now, couldn't you think of some plan for placing the whole lot at one time?"

"That would be a pretty big contract. Most men have watches with which they are satisfied."

"Don't you think that some man could be found to do it? Or two, or three—any number?"

"I don't know any person or persons whom I would ask."

"Can't you think up some privilege to go with the chances—something that would be an honor rather than of intrinsic value?"

I remembered Lady Godiva. Of course that wouldn't do in modern times, but it set me thinking. Finally I hit on something. The only trouble about it was that Miss Garland might not fall in with the plan.

"The only honor I can think of would be a kiss," I said.

"Why, Mr. Feary," exclaimed Miss Garland, under her breath. "You surely wouldn't suggest my giving any one who would take a chance a kiss."

"Certainly not. But suppose the whole fifty chances could be sold for one kiss."

Miss Garland looked at the floor, then at the ceiling, then out of the window.

"You see, there is a great difference between kissing fifty men and kissing one man," I added.

"Yes, but it is as bad to kiss a man once as to kiss him fifty times."

"If it is wrong to kiss him at all."

There was a long pause, during which Miss Garland picked up a piece of paper and tore it into little bits. She didn't seem to get on with her problem. I must help her.

"I think I know a man who would take your chances in the raffle with the honor attached."

She made no reply to this, and I proceeded:

"He is not a stranger to you. He has known and admired you for a long while. It wouldn't be like selling a kiss. It would give him great happiness, release you from the responsibility of peddling the chances and benefit the orphan."

"I don't think," she replied, after much consideration, "that it would be

## HAY FEVER FOR 27 YEARS

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The thousands of discouraged people who dread summer's approach because they think that hay fever cannot be avoided, will read with interest and gratitude the following statement from Helen F. Williams of Mansfield, Mass.

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## GLEANINGS.

The United States has granted 3,500 patents to women.

Sugar beets have been grown in California five feet long and weighing 200 pounds.

The number of irrigating ditches and canals in operation in the United States exceeds 20,000, and their combined length is 50,000 miles.

It is estimated that the dipping of sheep for eradication of the scab mite adds from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 to the annual profit of the sheep growers of the United States.

A Samoan editor is angry because one of his subscribers who owed him money sent him instead a boat load of bananas, oranges, guavas and alligator pears, asking him to sell them and forward the balance to him.

The famous Excelsior diamond, which was discovered by Captain Ed Jorgensen in South Africa, is now at Amsterdam, where it will be cut and polished. It weighs 971 carats and is the largest in the world. Its value is \$1,000,000.

Canton, in Lewis county, Mo., has an old post office. The post office boxes open directly on the street, and the holder of a box key can get his mail any time he wants it, day or night. This arrangement seems to offer exceptional opportunities for robberies, but they are said never to take place.

**Sails Big Schooner Single Handed.**

Boothbay Harbor, Me., Aug. 12.—Unable to obtain a single sailor, Captain Cambage, seventy years of age and lame, has sailed on his sixty-ton two-masted schooner New Boxer for Salem, Mass., with a cargo of lumber. He came here from Bangor with only one man, who ran away as soon as the schooner reached here. After lying here a week without finding help Captain Cambage decided to navigate his schooner single handed.

**Sultan's Son Bears Apology.**

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—The Russian ambassador at Constantinople telegraphs that by command of the sultan his son, Prince Ahmed Effendi, called at the embassy to express the deep distress and regret caused in the mind of his majesty by the murder of the Russian consul at Monastir and requested the ambassador to notify the czar of this second expression of the sultan's sorrow.

**The Dahlia.**

The dahlia was introduced into Europe for the value of its bulb as a substitute for the Irish potato, which it resembles when baked.

**Cats.**

Cats can swim if they only care to exert themselves sufficiently. The ancient Egyptians used to fish with them on the Nile, according to the representations on walls, etc., that have come down to us.

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## IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products That Are in Demand.

Boston, Aug. 12.—The best grades of butter are firm, with a fair demand, but other kinds are in full supply and quiet. Northern creamery, round lots, 21¢@21 1/2¢; western, 21¢; Vermont dairy, 18¢@19¢; renovated butter, 16¢@18¢; jobbing, 1-2¢@1¢ more.

Cheese is quiet and steady here, though firmer in the country. Low grades are in over-supply and very slow of sale. Round lots, new, 9 1/2¢@10 1/2¢; jobbing, 1-2¢@1¢ higher.

Eggs are very firm for all choice fresh stock, especially nearby. Western fresh, 20¢@21¢; eastern, 20¢@23¢; nearby, 24¢@25¢; jobbing, 1¢@1 1/2¢ higher.

Beans are very steady with moderate receipts. The demand, however, is light. Carload lots, pea, 23¢@24¢; medium, 22¢@24¢; yellow eyes, 22¢@23¢; red kidneys, 23¢@25¢; California small white, 22¢@23¢; foreign pea and medium, 22¢@23¢; jobbing, 10¢ more.

Some choice early Jersey and Hudson river apples are now coming in, and sell at good prices, but common stock is plenty and cheap. Common stock, bbls, 75¢@1 1/2¢; bbl, 2¢@2 1/2¢; Jerseys, bbl, 2 1/2¢@2 7/8¢; Hudson river, bbls, 2 7/8¢@3¢.

The market is fairly well supplied with late berries, prices being somewhat firmer. Blackberries, 10¢@14¢; blueberries, 12¢@15¢; raspberries, pints, 12¢@14¢.

Delaware peaches have been in moderate supply, but are not of the finest quality. The quotation is 1 1/2¢@2¢, as to quality.

Cantaloupes sell at 1¢@1 1/2¢ for common varieties, with fancy Arizona at 1 1/2¢@1 7/8¢ per cart.

California plums are quoted at 1 1/2¢@2 1/2¢ per box; peaches, 1 1/2¢@1 7/8¢; Bartlett pears, 22¢@25¢.

The receipts of grapes are increasing. Southern Delaware grapes are quoted at 1 1/2¢@1 7/8¢ per carrier, with Niagara at 1 1/2¢@1 5/8¢.

Potatoes are in full supply, and are selling at steady prices. Choice Jersey stock, 2 1/2¢; Rhode Island and Bristol Ferry, 2 1/2¢@2 5/8¢; sweets, yellow, 23¢@24¢; white, 22¢@23¢; red, 1 1/2¢@2¢.

New native celery is selling at 1 1/2¢ per doz bunches.

Onions are quoted at: Native bbls, 2 1/2¢; bu, 75¢; Egyptian, bgs, 2¢; bunch onions, 50¢ per bx and 50¢ per bu.

Hothouse tomatoes are lower, at 15¢ per lb; southern, 1¢@2¢ per crt; native, per bx, 3¢@4¢.

Yellow turnips are quoted at 2 1/2¢ per bbl; bunch turnips, 3¢; new beets, 75¢ per bu; bunch beets, 1¢; carrots, 1 1/2¢ per bu; bunch carrots, 2¢; bunch parsnips, 75¢ per doz.

Cabbages are selling at 1 1/2¢ per crt; native, 3¢@12¢ per 100.

Marrow squashes are quoted at 1¢ per bbl; crooknecks, 25¢ per doz; white, 25¢ per doz.

Lettuce is lower at 10¢@25¢ per bu box; radishes, 50¢ bx; mint, 25¢ per doz; cress, 35¢ per doz; leeks, 40¢ per doz.

String beans sell at 1 1/2¢@1 7/8¢ for green and 1 1/2¢ for wax. Green peas bring 1 1/2¢@2¢ per bu for native.

Spinach is quoted at 50¢ per bu for native; parsley, hothouse, 25¢ per bu; peppers, 1 1/2¢@2¢ per pkg.

Green corn is in good supply and is selling at 1¢@1 1/2¢ per bu.

Shell beans sell at 1¢@2¢ per bu; egg plant, 1¢@2 1/2¢ per pkg.

Pork provisions are generally steady, though prices are revised.

There is a quiet demand for fresh beef with prices rather easy. Choice heavy cattle are quoted at 8 1/4¢@9¢, but there is very little selling above 8 1/4¢.

Lambs are in full supply, and very low prices are quoted; mattons and yearlings are steady; veals are firm; Western fall lambs, 8¢@9¢; spring lambs, 10¢@11¢; yearlings, 7¢@9¢; mattons, 7¢@9¢; veals, 9¢@11¢.

The market for poultry is quiet, with the tone generally easy. Broilers are lower: Western turkeys, frozen, 18¢@19¢; leed, 15¢@16¢; western fowls, leed, 14¢@15¢; western frozen chickens, 14¢@16¢; fresh northern fowls, 15¢@16¢; broilers, 16¢@18¢; western broilers, 15¢@16¢; spring ducks, 17¢@18¢; pigeons, 1 1/2¢@1 7/8¢ per doz; squabs, 2 1/2¢@3¢ per doz.

Hay is in heavy supply and trade is very quiet. Some new hay is offering but is slow; straw is steady; millfeed is firmer. Hay, No. 1, 20¢@21¢; lower grade, 14¢@15¢; rye straw, 18¢@20¢; cut straw, 10¢@11¢.

The wheat market has been nervous and irregular. Rains in spring wheat states have led to complaints of delayed threshing; some authorities have reduced their estimates, and the trade at large has about come to the conclusion that the Northwest crop will be no larger than last year, at any rate. Of winter wheat conditions little has been heard apart from assurances that yields continue to show disappointment. Millers in all parts of the country find the grain excellent for milling purposes and have bought freely. The movement, partly because of rains, has dropped off a little, causing more or less apprehension among those who are guided in their views by this phase of the situation. The government report, due Monday, is expected to make a better showing both on wheat and corn.

**The Inhabited Sun.**

An astronomer propounds the startling theory that the sun is inhabited. He believes that away in the center of the sun's brilliant crest and far separated from it by a nonconducting atmosphere lies a beautiful planet having all the more desirable characteristics of our own earth.

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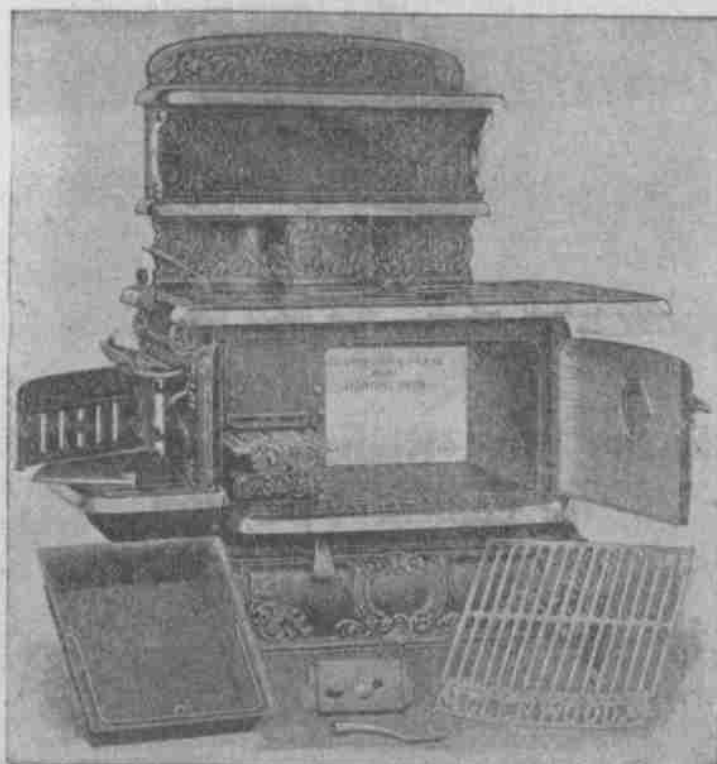
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